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FOR MR. BENNET, WITH SIMON PARTY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED JULY 11,
1974 SENT JIDDA INFO KUWAIT, TEHRAN IS REPEATED TO YOU:
QUOTE

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E.O.11652 GDS

TAGS:OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM), ENRG, SA

SUBJECT: YAMANI'S REACTION TO ALLEGED WHITE HOUSE
STATEMENT

REF: STATE 149390

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO.

1. I DISCUSSED YAMANI'S REACTION TO THE ALLEGED WHITE
HOUSE STATEMENT WITH SIMON THIS MORNING. AS NOTED
REFTEL, SIMON BELIEVES THE PRESS TOOK THE PRESIDENT'S
REMARK ON THE POSSIBILITY OF GASOLINE PRICE REDUCTION OUT
OF CONTEXT AND CONNECTED IT WITH SECRETARY SIMON'S TRIP.
FYI: SIMON ADDED THAT ANY COMMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT WAS
JOCULAR IN NATURE AND MADE IN AN ASIDE TO ONE OF SIMON'S
RELATIVES PRESENT AT THE TIME. END FYI.

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2. SIMON ALSO STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT DURING HIS APPEAR-
ANCE BEFORE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE AND HIS NEWS CON-
FERENCE YESTERDAY, AS WELL AS OTHER STATEMENTS ON HIS MID
EAST TRIP, HE HAS CONTINUALLY SAID THAT HIS PURPOSE IN
VISITING AREA WAS GENERALLY TO BROADEN AND STRENGTHEN OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EACH OF THE COUNTRIES VISITED.
THE QUESTION OF OIL IS MERELY ONE ASPECT OF THESE RELATION-
SHIPS AND IS IN NO WAY THE PRIMARY REASON FOR HIS
VISIT.

3. PLEASE DRAW ON THE ABOVE WHEN DISCUSSING SIMON TRIP
WITH YAMANI AND OTHERS IN THE SAG. KISSINGER UNQUOTE
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